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Sir:

An error by the PTO resulted in a charge of \$2230 (1255) to our deposit account on October 31, 2008. This charge was incorrect because our response filed August 14, 2008 did not require an extension in the time period for response.

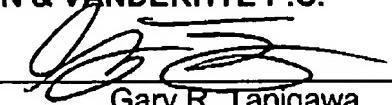
A Notification of Defective Response was mailed July 18, 2008 and set a time period of one (1) month from the mailing date. This made our response due on August 18, 2008. Our response to the Notification with a corrected sequence listing was filed August 14, 2008. No extension fee was required. Therefore, the charge to our deposit account was a PTO error because the response was timely filed.

Prompt and early action on this refund request would be appreciated. Therefore, the fee of \$2230 should be refunded to our Account No. 14-1140, Order No. 1035-653.

Respectfully submitted,

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